

January 13, 2019
The Baptism of the Lord Jesus

Seton Sentinel

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SWOYERSVILLE, PA — DIOCESE OF SCRANTON



Today we conclude the Christmas Season with the Baptism of Our Lord Jesus. I want to thank everyone who contributed in any way to making our Christmas Season so beautiful and so memorable this year. Everything was outstanding. Lots to be proud of as a parish community. May God continue to bless us with people willing to share their talents for building up the Kingdom of God in our neck of the woods for many, many years to come!

God's Blessings!

Father Joe Pisaneschi



Undecorating the Church

We need your help. **We will take down the decorations after the 11:00am Mass today, Sunday, Jan. 13th.** It shouldn't take too long, but we will need help climbing ladders, carrying the Nativity statues back to storage, etc. This is a good opportunity for students to get Service Hours. Thank you for considering this request for help.

Missing Hymnals

More **Gather** hymnals are missing from the pews of our church. These books are engraved with our parish name and some of the hymnals have been sponsored by parishioners. **These hymnals are expensive to replace and should not leave the pews under any circumstance.** Please return any "borrowed" books to the parish as soon as possible. If you would like your own copy of the **Gather** hymnal, contact GIA Publications, Inc., at www.giamusic.com you will find the information/ price + shipping charges there. The publishers will be happy to assist you in purchasing your very own hymnal and even keyboard or guitar book that goes along with it if you desire.

CONFRATERNITY OF CHRISTIAN MOTHERS

There is no Christian Mothers meeting in January. Our next meeting will be held on Sunday, February 24th, at 2pm in our church hall. All members who will be working the April 1st/2nd Rumage Sale are asked to attend. New members are welcome!

Religious Education Classes

January Classes for Saturdays:

Jan. 26 (no class on Jan. 19th)

January Classes for Mondays:

Jan. 14, & 28 (no class on Jan. 21st)

TODAY, January 13th, All 7th Grade Confirmation students...extra class in church hall after 5:30pm mass.

Sacrament Dates for 2019

First Reconciliation : Saturday, March 23rd, 10:30am

R.C.I.A. Sacraments: Holy Saturday, April 20th, Easter Vigil

First Holy Communion: Saturday, May 4th, 10:00am

Confirmation: Sunday, June 9th 11:00 am

CCD BAD WEATHER CANCELLATIONS

A reminder to parents in the event of inclement weather, to check the message on the Religious Ed extension number: 570-287-6624, ext 131, to see if classes are cancelled. You can also check Facebook or our website: setonpa.com

ALTAR GUILD

HOMEMADE PASTIE SALE

Sign-up sheets are on the tables at the church entrance for our next



Altar Guild Fundraiser: Homemade Pasties, to be held this Friday, January 18th. Cost is \$6.00 each. Please specify **WITH or WITHOUT onions**. Pick-up times are noon-2pm or 5pm-6pm in our school cafeteria.

PAROCHIAL STAFF

Pastoral Ministry

- ◆ Rev. Joseph Pisaneschi, V.F. Pastor
- ◆ Rev. Anthony Urban Assisting Celebrant
- ◆ Deacon John Ziegler Permanent Deacon
- ◆ Lorraine Raymond Pastoral Associate
- ◆ Sister Jane Ellis, IHM Pastoral Care Minister
- ◆ Sister Sarah Landis, IHM Pastoral Counseling/ Therapy

Finance Office

- ◆ Monica Salis Business Manager

Religious Education

- ◆ Sister Marion Tarone, IHM Director of Religious Education

Music Ministry

- ◆ Margaret Semanek Director of Liturgical Music
- ◆ Joseph Sabol Assistant Organist
- ◆ Cora Artim Youth Choir Director
- ◆ Scott Coates 5:30 PM Mass Musician

Sacristans

- ◆ Christopher Calore
- ◆ Patricia Quinn
- ◆ Betsy Evanoski

Maintenance and Cleaning

- ◆ Christopher Calore Director of Maintenance
- ◆ David Quinn
- ◆ Gertrude Brown
- ◆ Carol Hrobaski
- ◆ Phil Bosha St. Mary's Cemetery Maintenance

Pastoral Council, Chair

- ◆ Ann Marie Aed

Finance Council, Chair

- ◆ Michael Perhach

2018 FINANCIAL STATEMENT REQUEST

PLEASE, NO PHONE REQUESTS

Please make your request by filling out the form below. Then drop in collection basket, mail, or bring to parish office, or email Monica at: seton.swoy@aol.com by January 31st. Thank you!

ENVELOPE #: _____

NAME: _____

PHONE #: _____

Keeping In-Touch With Seton

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Ext. 2 Mass Schedule

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sisterjane@setonpa.com

Ext. 124 Sister Sarah

Ext. 130 Deacon Jack

Ext. 133 Chris Calore

Diocese Adds Names to List of Credibly Accused Individuals

Following the release of the Grand Jury report last year, Bishop Bambera made a promise that he would be more open and transparent in the way that the Diocese handles occurrences of child sexual abuse. That commitment remains true.

In August, the Diocese published on its website a list of all clergy, staff and volunteers who had been credibly accused of child sexual abuse. Since then, additional victims have come forward. Eleven new names have been added to the online list. Those new names are listed below. We will continue to alert you periodically in the case that additional individuals are added to this list.

If you are aware of additional allegations of wrongdoing or any information that should be included on this list, please contact our Victim Assistance Coordinator Mary Beth Pacuska at (570) 862-7551 or Monsignor Thomas Muldowney, Vicar General, at (570) 207-2269. If you have suffered abuse by clergy or anyone working on behalf of the Diocese, you are encouraged to contact Mary Beth Pacuska.

These names have been added to the original list of credibly accused individuals:

DIOCESAN CLERGY

Polcha, Michael C.

Pulicare, Michael J.

MEMBERS OF RELIGIOUS ORDERS

Bourbon, Francis C. (S.J.)

Fertal, Joseph (SVD)

Garrity, Stephen M., (S.J.)

Long, Arthur J. (S.J.)

Pisaneschi, Sister Clare (M.P.F.)

Rebovich, John (OSJ)

LAITY

Maroni, Mark

Smith, Richard

Yarros, David

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Note: Sister Clare Pisaneschi, M.P.F., now deceased, is of **no known relation or affiliation** to Father Joseph Pisaneschi.

While an uncommon name in America, the Pisaneschi surname is quite popular in the regions near Pistoia, Florence and Pisa, Italy.

Notice Regarding Reporting Sexual Abuse of a Minor

It is the policy of the Diocese of Scranton to report any allegation of sexual abuse of a minor to law enforcement. If you are a victim of sexual abuse committed by a priest, deacon, religious or lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton, you are encouraged to immediately report the matter to law enforcement. If any priest, deacon, religious, lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton has cause or reason to suspect that a minor has been subjected to any form of abuse, including child sexual abuse, the matter will be reported to law enforcement. In accordance with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Child Protective Services Laws, reports of suspected child abuse should also be made immediately by phone to the 24-Hour Child Abuse hotline (ChildLine) at 1-800-932-0313 or electronically at www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis

It is also the policy of the Diocese to adhere to all civil and state regulations. To this end, the Diocese is equally committed to adhering to the norms of the Code of Canon Law and to upholding the tenets of the USCCB Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, which includes supporting victims of sexual abuse in their pursuit of emotional and spiritual well-being. As such, information regarding an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor should also be reported to the Victim Assistance Coordinator Mary Beth Pacuska at (570-862-7551) or to Diocesan officials, including the Vicar General, Monsignor Thomas M. Muldowney, V.G., at (570-207-2269).

Christmas Decorations (cont'd)

Mrs. Phyllis Balberchak

Ms. Deborah Bowling

Mrs. Dorothy Brek

Mr. & Mrs. John Burke

Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Cipriani

Mrs. Carolann Drevenak

Mr. Ronald Jacobs

Mrs. Robert Quigley

Mr. & Mrs. Benjamin Remakus

Jo Ann Sincavage

Mr. & Mrs. William Sincavage, Jr.

Mrs. Jean Smith

Mrs. Joan Snopeck

Mr. & Mrs. Edward Stanchak

Mrs. Mary Beth Sulpy

Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Sweetra

Ms. Dee Zenda

SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE

Please join the Social Concerns Committee this Thursday, January 17th, at 7:00pm in the church hall as we host Jonathan Kadjeski, adjunct professor at Wilkes University, who will be giving a presentation on the Holocaust. All are welcome to attend!

On December 29th, members of our parish's Knights of Columbus and our Social Concerns Committee volunteered at the St. Vincent DePaul Soup Kitchen to prepare and serve the day's meal. Many thanks to John Witkosky for organizing our parish volunteers to assist when the kitchen is short staffed.

FEAST OF THE HOLY SPOUSES

The Oblates of St. Joseph will host the Annual Feast of the Holy Spouses, the Blessed Virgin Mary, & St. Joseph, on Sunday, January 20th, with a special Holy Mass at 3:00pm at the Oblates of St. Joseph Seminary, Route 315, Laflin. Everyone is invited to attend especially all married couples and future married couples. The Holy Spouses lapel pins will be distributed after the Holy Mass. A light reception will follow in the seminary community room for all to enjoy. A Triduum (3-days of prayers) will be held on Thursday, Friday, & Saturday, January 17-18-19 with a Holy Mass at 7pm and Novena prayers. The Holy Rosary and Confessions will be before the Holy Mass. Come early. You are invited to attend. Offer your personal petitions to the Blessed Mother and St. Joseph for your family.

SWEETS FOR YOUR SWEETIE—Heart Cake Pop Sale

The Swoyersville Kiwanis Club is currently conducting a Heart Cake Pop Sale now through January 27th, Delicious & decorated, these Heart Shaped Pops, 3 chocolate & 3 vanilla, will be in a gift box ready for that someone special for Valentine's Day. Pops are \$15 per order, but quantities are limited, so place your order early. Pop orders can be taken by any Kiwanis members or by calling 570-283-1677 or email swoyk1951@comcast.net. All orders must be placed & paid in full by January 27th. Orders are available for pick up at the Swoyersville Borough Building (rear entrance) on Tuesday, February 12th and Wednesday, February 13th, from 4pm to 6:30pm. Delivery is available on orders of 6 or more to one location or talk to any Kiwanis member for assistance.

SCOUT SUNDAY

All Boy Scouts have an opportunity to recognize their contributions to scouting by attending Mass in their uniforms on the weekend of **Saturday, February 2nd and Sunday, February 3rd.**



**ST. PAUL CENTER
FOR BIBLICAL THEOLOGY**

By Dr. Scott Hahn The Anointing Readings: Isaiah 42:1-4,6-7 (or Acts 10:34-38 or Is 40:1-5, 9-11
or Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7) Psalm 29:1-4, 9-10 (or Ps 104:1-4, 24-25, 27-30) Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

The Liturgy last week revealed the mystery of God's plan - that in Jesus all peoples, symbolized by the Magi, have been made "co-heirs" to the blessings promised Israel. This week, we're shown how we claim our inheritance.

Jesus doesn't submit to John's baptism as a sinner in need of purification. He humbles Himself to pass through Jordan's waters in order to lead a new "exodus" - opening up the promised land of heaven so that all peoples can hear the words pronounced over Jesus today, words once reserved only for Israel and its king: that each of us is a beloved son or daughter of God (see Genesis 22:2; Exodus 4:22; Psalm 2:7).

Jesus is the chosen servant Isaiah prophesies in today's First Reading, anointed with the Spirit to make things right and just on earth. God puts His Spirit upon Jesus to make Him "a covenant of the people," the liberator of the captives, the light to the nations. Jesus, today's Second Reading tells us, is the One long expected in Israel, "anointed...with the Holy Spirit and power."

The word Messiah means "one anointed" with God's Spirit. King David was "the anointed of the God of Jacob" (see 2 Samuel 23:1-17; Psalm 18:51; 132:10,17). The prophets taught Israel to await a royal offshoot of David, upon whom the Spirit would rest (see Isaiah 11:1-2; Daniel 9:25). That's why the crowds are so anxious at the start of today's Gospel. But it isn't John they're looking for. God confirms with His own voice what the Angel earlier told Mary - Jesus is the Son of the Most High, come to claim the throne of David forever (see Luke 1:32-33).

In the Baptism that He brings, the voice of God will hover over the waters as fiery flame, as we sing in today's Psalm. He has sanctified the waters, made them a passage-way to healing and freedom - a fountain of new birth and everlasting life. *A service of the St. Paul Center for Biblical Theology* www.SalvationHistory.com

Seton Counseling Ministry

Sister Sarah Landis, IHM, a licensed certified therapist and counselor addresses problems with depression, anxiety, grieving, relationship issues, and many other mental health concerns. Sister's office is located at the former Holy Trinity Convent, across from the rectory on Hughes Street. For more information or to contact Sister Sarah directly, call the main office and dial extension 124 when prompted.

The Diocesan Annual Appeal

Supports Catholic Social Services and Parish Outreach

"Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me."

— Matthew 25:40

This year, your Appeal gifts help:

- Serve 107,388 meals at St Vincent de Paul Kitchen, Wilkes-Barre
- Give food to 1,454 families through the food pantry in Hazleton
- Provide nearly 12,000 nights of shelter and supportive services for more than 1,000 individuals at St Anthony's Haven, Lackawanna County, and Mother Teresa's Haven, Luzerne County
- Fund 46 grants to our parishes totaling more than \$155,000 to help parishes provide a variety of social service programs that benefit those most in need



Weekly Offering for the Weekend of December 29/30, 2018

\$ 8424.35

Love and generosity start here at home. We are grateful for your faithful stewardship which sustains the life of our parish, supports our outreach and ministries, as well as maintains the level of staffing needed to put our mission into action. Thank you for your gift of treasure and commitment to God's work here at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton.

Our Parish Totals So Far....

Our 2018 Goal is: \$47,000.00
Total Raised: \$35,417.00
We are Under our Goal: \$11,583.00

There is still time to make a difference. Envelopes are located on the tables at the Church entrance or visit: annualappeal.org and give online to the Diocesan Annual Appeal.



2019 Wedding Anniversary Mass

His Excellency, the Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L., Bishop of Scranton, and the Office for Parish Life wish to invite couples celebrating their 25th or 50th wedding anniversary in 2019 to a diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, June 30, 2019. The event includes a 2:30pm mass at St. Peter's Cathedral followed by a reception. Requests for an invitation, with a mailing address, should be made by contacting Lori Raymond, in your parish office (570-287-6624, extension 100), before April 2nd.

HOLY REDEEMER HIGH SCHOOL

Holy Redeemer High School Grade 8 Placement/Scholarship Test Result Night & Registration Night for incoming Freshmen will be held January 23 at 7pm in the Auditorium. (snow date Jan. 24). Appointments for class scheduling for new students for the 2019-2020 school year will be held on Feb. 7, 11, & 12 from 3-6pm. Call Holy Redeemer High School's Guidance Dept. at 570-829-2424 to set an appointment.

WYOMING AREA CATHOLIC OPEN HOUSE

OPEN HOUSE on Sunday, January 27th, from 12:00pm to 2:00pm. We have limited openings in our Pre-K through 8th Grade classes. Mrs. Eileen Rishcoff, Principal, and the faculty and staff, invite you to come to the OPEN HOUSE and tour the school to see what a Catholic Education has to offer your child. Call the school office for more information (570-654-7982). Come and "Catch our Spirit"! To "kick off" our Open House & Catholic Schools Week, we will have Mass at 11:00am on Sunday, January 27th, in the school auditorium. All are welcome to celebrate this liturgy with our WACS family.

Other Collection Totals:

CHRISTMAS (additional): \$1038.00
New Year's (Holy Day): \$3546.70
Parish Groups (Social Concerns): \$698.00

DIOCESAN :

Retirement Fund for Religious: \$567.75

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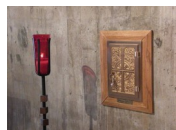


Liturgical Schedule and Intentions

Intention	Requested by
Monday, January 14 12:10 pm Helen Covert	Pat Quinn
Tuesday, January 15 12:10pm Susan & Dante Cardoni	Family
Wednesday, January 16 12:10 pm William Tibus	Walter Skiengel
Thursday, January 17 12:10 pm Josephine Reggie	Nephew, Felix
Friday, January 18 5:45AM: Special Mass for the Pro-Life March Participants. All are welcome to attend. 12:10 pm Lorraine Talerico	Husband, Francis

The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, January 19 4:30 pm Raymond A. Podskoch	Wife, Bernadine
Sunday, January 20 8:30 am Charlotte Zucca	M/M David Walski
11:00 am Pro Populo	
5:30 pm Frederick Yee	Family



Vigil Candles This Week

- Health & Blessings for son-in-law, Tom, offered by Roy & Joanne Baker
- In Memory of Beatrice Skiengel offered by Husband & Family

In Dying that We're Born to Eternal Life

~~ Geraldine Gulla~~Mary Jule Yuhas~~Arlene Skiengel~~Anthony Marseco~~
May the Lord grant them Eternal Rest.

BAPTISMS

This Weekend our parish celebrates the Baptisms of:

- ~Charlie Clementine Condusta~
- ~Kristen Marie Lucas~
- ~Taylor Marie Lucas~
- ~Scarlett Elizabeth Musto~

They will be baptized by water and the Holy Spirit during the 11:00am Mass today.

